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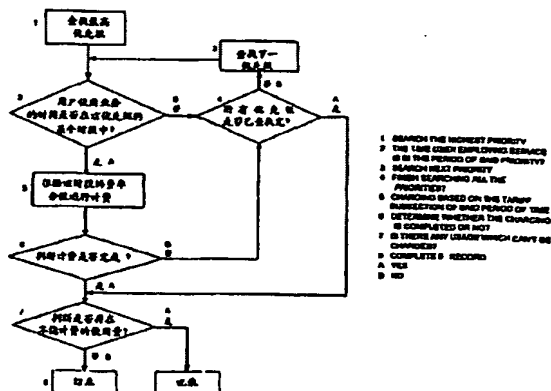
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**(54) Title: A GENERAL CHARGING METHOD**

**(54) 发明名称: 一种通用的计费方法**



- 1 SEARCH THE HIGHEST PRIORITY
- 2 IS THE TIME GIVEN EMPLOYING RESERVE
- 3 IS IN THE PERIOD OF SAVED PRIORITY
- 4 SEARCH NEXT PRIORITY
- 5 FINISH SEARCHING ALL THE
- 6 PRIORITIES?
- 7 CHANGING BASED ON THE TARIFF
- 8 SUBSECTION OF SAVED PERIOD OF TIME
- 9 DETERMINE WHETHER THE CHANGING
- 0 IS COMPLETED OR NOT
- 1 IS THERE ANY LEAD WHICH CAN'T BE
- 2 CHANGED?
- 3 COMPLETE & RECORD
- 4 YES
- 5 NO

**(57) Abstract:** The present invention provides a general charging method, which is used in the charging system of communication field and comprises the step of setting charging policy and charging according to the charging policy; the charging policy comprises a plurality of priorities, each comprises a plurality of periods of time, each period corresponds to a kind of tariff subsection type and have several tariff subsections, and each of the subsections has several tariff; the implementation of charging comprises: search the highest priority among the charging policy; search the corresponding period of time in said priority according to the time user employing service, if found, charging based on the tariff subsection of said period of time, and after finishing searching for the priority or charging, record and complete said charging, if without usage which can't be charged. The present invention can meet all the charging requires according to general charging policy structure, possesses universality, can provides enough expandability, and allows the user to configure different charging method according to their requires.

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